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His Narrow Escape from Death in a Sewer

Just after the heavy rain had ceased falling on Thursday and the gutters along the streets were overflowing, a boy by the name of William Huff, about 12 years of age, was wading in the water on West Chestnut street. Walking down the gutter, the current became so swift that he was carried down the stream through the catch-basin at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets into the sewer beneath. Two or three persons saw him go down, and no one expected that he would ever be seen alive again. Hardin Huff, the father of the boy, hearing of the accident, took a bee-line for the river, a quarter of a mile distant. Although he made rapid time, upon arriving there he found his boy walking upon the bank. The youth says that when he fell into the sewer he tried to stand still until help could arrive, but the current was too powerful, and he was swept swiftly down the long, narrow, and dark cavern, sometimes with his head above and sometimes beneath the water. The inky darkness was now and then relieved by a sudden ray of light coming down through catch-basins, but he shot past them like the winds into utter darkness amid the incessant roar of the constantly increasing volume of water. He says that he was positive that if he could keep his head above the water long enough he would finally strike the Washab, and could run his chances of getting ashore. In all of these suppositions he was correct.

WHEN Simpson mounted his horse to ride home, after calling on a girl at Tazewell, Ill., he found that he had forgotten to untie the beast. He tried to dismount, but stuck fast to the saddle. Some jealous rascal had smeared the saddle with tar. He finally leaned forward cut the hitch rein, and rode homeward. He severed the saddle girth when arriving at home, built a rousing fire, warmed the tar, and at last found liberty.

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Of all medicines advertised to cure any affection of the Throat, Chest or Lungs, where everything else has failed. No medicine can show one half so many positives as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Tickling in the Throat, loss of voice, etc. This medicine does positively cure, and that itive and permanent cures have already been effected by this truly wonderful remedy. For Asthma and Bronchitis it is a specific cure, curing the very worst cases in the shortest possible time. We say by all means give it a trial. Trial bottles free. Regular size, \$1. For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen, Decatur, Ill.

The Illinois Central Railroad will sell round-trip tickets to Clear Lake, Iowa for \$15.50, tickets on sale during the months of June, July, August and September, and on July 12th we will sell for the same point by special train, leaving Dubuque July 13th, for \$9.85, all tickets good to return by any regular train within sixty days. We also have on sale summer excursion tickets to St. Paul and return, tickets good until Oct. 1st, fare for the round trip, \$19.50. For further information enquire at Central ticket office, Union depot. June 22 d&wt

Press Buttons A large and handsome assortment of Dress Buttons just received by LINK & SCRUGGS. Fruit cans and everything for house-keeping at Ashby & Andrews' Aug 7 d&wt

BUNTINGS, 12, 15 and 18 cents a yard at Link & Scruggs July 19 d&wt

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100,000 Bushels of Corn Wanted by Link & Scruggs, for which they will pay two cents a bushel more than the highest market price in merchandise, the corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co's mill. [Nov 15 d&wt]

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A RELIABLE stem-winding watch can be purchased for \$10, at W. W. Scudder's jewelry store, on the corner opposite post-office block. [Sept 11 d&wt]

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Petition for Sale of Real Estate. STATE OF ILLINOIS,) ss Macon County) In the county court, to the October term,

Jacob G. Kizer, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Elizabeth Dingman deceased, vs. Andrew Dingman, Kate M. Chambers, William H. Dingman, Thomas F. Dingman, John E. Barton, and Walter B. Chambers—Petition for sale of real estate

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of the county court of said Macon county, to sell the real estate of said deceased, to-wit: Lots numbered five 75 and six 60, in block number one (1), in Block 4 Addition to Seattle, for the payment of the debt of said estate, wherein said Andrew Dingman, Kate M. Chambers, William H. Dingman, Thomas F. Dingman, John E. Barton, and Walter B. Chambers are made parties defendant. And said petition having been filed in the office of the clerk of said county court, wherein said cause is now pending, that the said Thomas F. Dingman, John E. Barton, and Walter B. Chambers, being summoned, have appeared in said cause, and filed a plea to the said petition, to-wit: That said real estate is not the property of said deceased, and that said petition is null and void, and that said cause should be dismissed. And said petitioners, the said Andrew Dingman, Kate M. Chambers, William H. Dingman, Thomas F. 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CITY DEPARTMENT

Owner enough!—100 pieces American China, a full dinner set, for only \$18.00, at D. Bartholomew & Co's.

Coler's copy was a financial success.

Waters and Lucerne grapes at Young Bros.' grocery store.

Social hop to-night at Eldorado home house.

WATERS & TYLER, the druggists, carry a full stock of painters' goods.

Reverend meeting of Resurrection Commandery, K. T., to-night at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Tax that new honey on sale at Niedermyer's on the meadow.

GUARD'S opening reception hall on Thursday evening, Sept. 30.

NICH FARMER ORRMAN, by the dish or can, at Wood's. [Sept 23rd & 24th]

GARFIELD pole raisings at Macon on the 18th, and also at Macon on the 28th.

Gen. Grant will positively be at the Soldiers' Reunion in October. The people will pour into Decatur on October 6th and 7th, by the thousands. It will be a big time and no mistake.

JAVA COFFEES at Peter Ulrick's; also, the popular Raybould's hams.

SCHROEDER'S Bohemian cigars—none better.

LAMAR stock of fall Hats and Caps at Keeler's, 30 East Main street.

15-44

Soon the voice of the expressman will be heard, crying out: "All aboard for the fair grounds! Going right out!"

One dozen Oysters, stewed, 25 cents.
" " " raw, select, 30 "
" " " fried, " 40 "
" " " broiled " 40 "

11-d&w at Wood's.

Watch for the opening of the Boston ninety-nine cent store, No. 24 Merchant street, next week. [Sept 15th]

Among others we have about one dozen extra heavy Zephyr Shawls, in beautiful shades, which we offer at just cost. See them. **CHEAP STORE.**

16-d&w

SCHOOL BOOKS—All kinds, at J. M. Stooky & Co's. [Sept 15th]

A WEEKEND line of Satchels, for ladies and gentlemen; also Umbrellas, at Keeler's Hat Store. **15-44**

For nice groceries, glass and queensware, go to E. B. Pratt's. [Aug 30-d&w]

Watch for the opening of the Boston ninety-nine cent store, No. 24 Merchant street, next week. [Sept 15th]

Reduce your shoe bills by buying of Barber & Baker.

MILAN'S bread is always fresh and pure and sweet. **14-dtf**

NICH Fresh Butter at E. B. Pratt's, 37 North Church st. [Aug 30-d&w]

Tax one of Will L. Ferguson's large grain fluid stores. They are the best in the city. **18-dtf**

Over 185,000 Howe Scales sold. Boston, Belknap & Co., agents, Chicago, Ill. [Sept 15th]

BRASSHED, sawed, and split or four-foot wood, delivered on short notice from Pratt's wood yard, 37 North Church street. [Aug 30-d&w]

Two "Victor State" is the best, and you can get any size, single or double, at 3-4 J. M. Stooky & Co's.

DECATUR omnibuses and carriage line to and from the depot, and to any part of the city. Orders left at the St. Nicholas Hotel will receive prompt attention day and night. **Aug 30-d&w**

The finest assortment of Carriages, Phaetons, top and open Buggies, and Spruce Wagons, of all kinds, ever brought to this market, are now in store at the implement house of V. H. Parks. They are, A No. 1, and warranted. No shyster auction work—good honest goods, at a fair price. Persons wanting inspection in this line are invited to call. **V. H. PARKS,** North of the Priest House. **July 13-d&w**

For sale.

The finest decorated and bronze lamps, ever made. Go and see them at the **DECATUR LAMP STORE.** Central Block Merchant Street. **Sept 16-44d.**

Pole Raising at Macon.

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18th, at 2 p. m., the Republicans of the township will assemble at Macon, and raise a handsome Garfield & Arthur pole of regulation height. Immediately following this exercise, Col. H. W. Howell, of Decatur, will address the crowd on the political issues of the day. Let there be an immense outpouring of the voters of the surrounding country on this important occasion, and join each other in one of the biggest local booms of the campaign.

AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.

Coverer (Barnett's) Office.

INDICATED, Aug. 15, 1878.

Dr. A. E. Barnett, Decatur, Ill., after using various remedies for Chills, with- out success, I recommended the use of your **Quinine Alternative**, and one bottle of- fected a cure. I can cheerfully recom- mend this as a reliable medicine, and worthy the confidence of the public.

Yours truly,

Wm. N. DUNNIXON.

For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen.

Sept 16-d&w

You can save time and trouble by going direct to J. M. Stooky & Co's for School Books, Station, etc. They have everything you want. [Sept 15th]

Wanted to Rent.

RENTAL for a small five rooms, well and clean for a small family, who wish to take possession before Oct. 1st.

Address B., P. O. Box 325.

Dist. wood and Da Quoin nut coal at McClelland's coal yard. [Jul 23d]

LAST night Deputy Marshal Howes and Policeman Kearney had a lively time with three gangs of obnoxious tramp- ers in all—who had made themselves ex- tremely obnoxious in the vicinity of the Wabash target, on North Church street. The officers corralled the gang and search- ed them, one by one, but nothing of val- ue was found on them indicating that they were thieves, and they were given until daylight to get out of town. The bums, who were hard-looking cases, said they were headed for St. Louis, from which village they intended to "go south and cut ice." They doubtless bounced a freight train and got away.

THE building of a new bridge across the Sangamon river at the Mafile Ford is now getting into shape, and no doubt the construction of the same will soon be commenced. The estimated cost of building the bridge is fixed at \$3000; of this amount this city and township gives \$2,000, and the county board this fore- noon voted \$1,000 more, on condition that the townships of Mt. Zion and Wheatland make up the balance, \$600. When built the bridge will be used daily by a con- siderable number of farmers and towns- people, and will prove a great conven- ience.

THE annual reunion of the Mexican War Veteran Association of Illinois, which had been in session at Peoria, adjourned last evening. There were 80 veterans present, and the old officers were re-elected. The president, Col. Forman, was presented with a handsome cane, val- ued at \$25. The next reunion will be held at Centralia, in Sept., 1881. We make a bid that the 1882 reunion be held in Decatur.

THE Decatur Guards held a hall and street drill meeting last night, which was very largely attended by the members of the organization. The company voted to attend the county fair in a body in full dress uniform on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 23, and also to give their opening re- ception and ball at the armory on Thurs- day Sept. 30th. A number of committees were appointed. The invitations will be issued as soon as possible.

THE democrats of Decatur appear to have sunk into their old sleepy state, since the greenbackers have commenced to straighten their spinal columns and hold their heads high. Gen. Weaver says the Maine business is a greenback "victory" and his followers have taken up the re- frain.

THE case of the city vs. Mrs. Murin, charged with disturbing the peace in the fifth ward the other day, was tried before Justice Peake this forenoon. The ac- cused was fined \$3 and costs. A man named Donegan was the complaining witness.

JUDGES of Election.

At the session of the county board this (Thursday) forenoon the following judges of election for Nov. 3d, in Decatur town- ship, were duly appointed as by law pro- vided:

First District—D. L. Hughes, W. J. Wayne and Jacob H. Miller.

Second District—Wm. J. Usrey, Benj. Dill and Millburn Glor.

Third District—M. Troutman, John H. Maury and Ichabod Baldwin.

Fourth District—B. McGorray, Fred. Kuny and Michael Elson.

The law provides that the judges of election in the other townships in the county shall be the supervisor, assessor and collector of each township.

THE Rally at Kenney.

The grand Republican rally at Kenney, at which about 1500 to 2,000 voters and ladies of Macon, DeWitt and Logan counties were present, took place on yester- day, and was a success in every particu- lar. There was excellent music and an abundance of food, free for everybody. Hon. D. C. Smith, of Pekin, candidate for congress in the 18th district, delivered a telling address. He was followed by ex- Gov. Oglesby of this city, who spoke for one hour and a half. It was a regular sock-dolager, and won unbounded ap- plause. Major Warner, of Clinton, made the closing speech of the afternoon, and at which there was another grand rally, at which Hon. O. C. Sabin, of Saybrook, Mc- Lean county, was the speaker. In addi- tion to the speaking there was a grand parade of marching companies. The prizes went to DeWitt county organiza- tions. Decatur was represented by a good delegation of voters, and by members of the boys' Garfield Club. Hon. Mr. Sabin will speak in Decatur before the close of the campaign.

Andersonville Prisoners.

A meeting of prisoners of war is to be held at Decatur, Ill., on Oct. 6th and 7th next, in connection with the reunion of Gen. Grant's old regiment and Veteran Association.

All who have suffered as prisoners during the late war are urged to send their address, as well as the address of all surviving prisoners, to an invitation will be mailed to each ad- dress setting forth the object of the meeting.

W. W. KERR,
D. M. BRIDLE,
J. A. MILLER,
Committee.

A Cut on Prices.

On hanging or library lamps for the next twenty days. Now is your time for bargains. **DECATUR LAMP STORE,** Central Block. **Sept. 16-44d**

Two Small Rooms

For sale on monthly payments, by **J. A. BROWN.** **15-46**

Watch

for the opening of the Boston ninety-nine cent store, No. 24 Merchant street, next week. **Sept 16th**

Notice.

Wanted, a good physician at Oreauna Macon county, Ill., Address Postmaster Oreauna, Ill. **MANY CITIZENS** **Sept 16-d&w**

For Sale.

Two houses and lots, between three and four blocks of the business part of the city. **J. W. BUTMAN.** **Sept. 10-d&w**

HE WILL BE HERE

Gen. Grant Telegraphs Gen. Moore from Rockford "I will be at the Reunion in Decatur."

The Success of the Grand Reunion Assured.

The success of the third annual reunion of the soldiers of the late war, to be held at the fair grounds on Wednesday and Thursday, October 6th and 7th, under the auspices of the Macon County Veteran Association, is now assured, and thou- sands upon thousands of old veterans, who fought for the preservation of the Union that we might have the blessings we now enjoy, will be here to engage in the festivities of the occasion, and do honor to the greatest hero of the age, GEN. U. S. GRANT.

who has telegraphed that he will posi- tively be present. He will be the guest of our citizens and the veterans for at least one day, and possibly two. The survi- vors of the 21st Ill. Vols. will be here in full force, and for the first time since the commencement of the war, will greet their first Colonel, the most distinguished soldier of the world.

In October of last year, soon after his return from a tour around the world, Gen. Grant was tendered a formal joint invita- tion from the city council and Macon county veterans to attend the coming reunion, and he promptly answered by letter, saying that he would prom- ise to behave in October, "so far as anything so far in the future could be promised." On two subsequent occasions, when the reunion was referred to in the presence of the General, he ex- pressed a desire and intention to be on a hand. But on Saturday last, in answer to a letter written him, a letter was received by Gen. Moore from Gen. Grant, stating that it would be impossible for him to fulfill his appointment at the reunion in Decatur; that he was sorry to make this announcement; but his younger son, Ulysses, would be married in San Fran- cisco on Sept. 21st, and would come to Galena on the 27th, remain there two or three days, and after spending a few days in Chicago, would go to New York, and from thence sail for Europe; and arrange- ments had been made for the General and his wife to accompany the bridal party eastward. The reception of this letter was considerable of a disappoint- ment to the veteran association, inasmuch as the management had every reason to believe that the General would be here, and had sent the bills announcing his coming broadcast over the surrounding country.

The contents of the letter, however, were withheld from the public, and on Monday morning Gen. J. H. Moore, the president of the association, and Mayor Waggoner left for Galena to consult with General Grant, and, if possible, en- deavor to prevail upon him to reconsider his determination. They called upon the General on Tuesday, and were cordially received. They remained in Galena until Wednesday and had a final interview at the Galena depot with Gen. Grant who was there to get on the train bound for Rockford, where he at- tended the fair yesterday. Gen. Grant then told Gen. Moore and Mayor Waggon- er, that he had telegraphed his son Ulysses to learn more definitely about his plans, and if it were possible for him to come to Decatur on October 6th or 7th he would notify Gen. Moore by telegraph at the earliest possible moment.

THE TELEGRAM

Soon after eight o'clock last night, Gen. Moore received the following telegraphic message:

Rockford, Ill., Sept. 15, 1880.

Col. Jesse Moorman, Decatur, Ill.: Will attend reunion in Decatur.

U. S. GRANT.

This settles the whole business. The old soldiers will be here in large numbers. Now let the people go to work, and give the old hero a magnificent reception—one that will be a credit to us and an honor to him.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The 57th annual session of the Illinois M. E. Conference convened at Danville on yesterday at the Vermilion Street Op- era House, Bishop W. L. Harris presiding. Nearly all members of the conference were present. Dr. C. H. Fowler, of New York, and Dr. Luke Hitchcock, of Chi- cago, addressed the conference. The an- nual missionary sermon was delivered by Rev. Horace Reed. The following inci- dent is taken from last evening's Danville Commercial:

Presiding Elder H. Buck, of the Decatur district, being about to retire from the district, the ministers who have been under him showed their appreciation of his leadership by presenting him with a fine bronze clock, a beautiful silver water service and a gold-headed cane. Dr. R. N. Davies made the presentation address, which was full of humor and pathos. Dr. Buck replied in a manner equally charac- teristic.

This surprise on the Elder was arranged by Rev. G. W. Miller, of Stapp's Chapel, and the costly articles were purchased at O. E. Curtis & Co's jewelry establish- ment. The above is the first intimation we have had that Elder Buck intended to retire from the presiding eldership of the Decatur district. He has held the posi- tion many years, and is quite popular with Methodists all over the country.

Our Variety and Quantity

In Laces, Corsets, Hosiery, Ruchings and Fancy and Toilet articles generally, can- not be excelled, and our prices are cer- tainly lower than the lowest.

25-d&w

CHEAP STORE

Watch

for the opening of the Boston ninety-nine cent store, No. 24 Merchant street, next week. **Sept 15th**

First-class upholstery done at P. B. Provost & Son's. **Sept 16-d&w**

Soft Nut Coal in dry stove wood at McClelland's coal yard. **May 17-dtf**

If you want good bread, buy at Milan's bakery. **24-dtf**

Let everybody in the broad land know

it, that at last—aha!—at last! daylight is breaking in Decatur on the Old Barnyard question. That old blotch on the fair appearance of our beautiful and stirring city, has been a standing reproach to all our people; but our business men have had to stand the most of the gagging from traveling men and visiting strangers, and the reporters, too, have had to take their share of the blame for the wretched condition of the Old Thing. Time had again the REPUBLICAN has raised its voice in favor of the old square improvement, and it has suggested all manner of plans of improving the appearance of the same, and now let it be placed on record in large letters that **ALDERMAN HARDY, OF THE FOURTH WARD**, has taken the initiative step toward answering the oft-repeated prayer of an interested people. At the last meeting of the city council he offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on public improvement be requested to report a plan for the improvement of the old square at the next regular meeting of this council.

Now let the committee go to work and prepare a half dozen plans, if they can do so, present them to council, and thus get the undertaking in shape to inaugurate the improvement this fall if possible. Do this, most noble solons, and present and future generations will honor you and your work.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Miss Alice Priest has gone to Jackson- ville to finish her education.

Hon. A. B. Bunn and Judge Smith ad- dressed a Republican mass meeting at Monticello last night.

Lamar Curtis is thinking of going to San Jose, Cal., where he will spend the winter with his old friend, Leslie Evans.

A. T. Summers has hung out his shingle in front of Justice Curtis' office. It's a good sign.

Mrs. John W. Tyler, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Alice, departed for Richmond, Va., last night at 10-40 o'clock.

Mayor Waggoner and Gen. J. H. Moore, who went to Galena on Monday morning to interview Gen. Grant, returned home last evening.

Danville Commercial: Miss Annie Rob- erts, of Decatur, and Miss Julia Harrison, of Bismarck, are visiting Miss Mattie Bradley.

John Cassell and family who went to Ellis county, Kansas, about 3 years ago, have returned to Decatur, and will reside here permanently.

Thos. B. Shoaff, one of the editors of the Paris Gazette has sold his fine resi- dence property in that town to D. S. Schenck, a dry goods merchant. Wonder if Tom thinks of exodus?

"Cal." Waggoner has had to officiate as clerk at the session of the county board during the absence of his father, who returned home from the north last even- ing.

Wash. Blodgett, general agent for the Forbes & Cotton "True Devotion" com- bination, gave us a business call to-day. This company will hold the boards at the opera house during fair week, commenc- ing on the evening of the 22nd.

Gen. Oglesby will be in Decatur on Tuesday next, and will positively deliver the main Barbecue address at the fair grounds at the fair, on the afternoon of that day. He will make a good speech, and all should hear it.

Conductor L. A. Goldthwaite, of the I. D. & S. Railway, who was seriously injured near the Union depot the other day, was taken to his home at Indian- apolis last night. He is now out of danger, and feels very grateful to his Decatur physician for his faithful care and atten- tion.

Mile. Little has been engaged by Freyer, the New York impresario, for a season of opera until Nov. 14th. The company will include Tagliapietra, Chas. R. Adams, Gottschalk and other distinguished artists. The company will be known as the Tagliapietra Grand Opera Company.

Col. H. W. Howell has received an invita- tion from the mayor of Centralia to come to that city on Friday evening, Sept. 24th, the last day of the Marion county fair, and address the Garfield and Arthur Club. The Colonel will accept the invita- tion, and he will give the Republicans of Marion a good speech, too.

A Remarkable Circumstance.

Mr. W. E. Sanford, of Holley, N. Y., became afflicted a few years since with a terrible inflammation in the lower por- tion of his body. He did all that thought could suggest to remove it, even submit- ting to a most painful surgical operation. At last, when death was longed for and seemed near, he began to take the wis- dom of his friends, taking Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, and is to-day a strong man and in perfect health. Any readers who may question this remark- able assertion can address him at Holley, N. Y., and ascertain for themselves.

For sale by W. C. Armstrong, drug- gist. **Sept 16-d&w**

Epilepsy.

Here lies one who lately died, nobody sorrow- ed, nobody cried; Where he's gone or how he fares, nobody knows and nobody cares; His bitter fever might have been cured, If the Spring Bilemox had procured. **For** sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. **Sept 16-d&w**

A Little Card.

We carry no dry goods, but we do carry the most complete stock of Hosiery, Corsets, Laces, Embroideries, Housekeepers' Goods, Men's and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Cloaks, Shawls, Blankets, Fancy Goods and Notions, —of any house in Central Illinois. Your wait a little and see whether we don't. Our prices will speak for themselves. **Sept 16-d&w**

CHEAP STORE.

PHYSICIANS, Druggists, Dealers, Consum- ers, unite in testimony that Rinehart's Worm Lozenges are the greatest discov- ery of the age. 25 cents per box. **War- ranted.** For sale by A. J. Stoner and J. T. Hubbard. **Sept 16-d&w**

Dr. Marshall's Bromoline, is warrant- ed to cure liver complaint, constipation of the bowels, dyspepsia and general debility. Try it. Sold by Decatur drug- gists. **[14-d&w]**

SULPHUR SPRINGS RALLY.

Speeches by General Hewitt, Hon. J. G. Cannon and Gen. Moore on Wednesday, Sept. 29th.

The Republicans of Mt. Zion town- ship and surrounding country will join in a grand

BASKET PICNIC

at Sulphur Springs near Mt. Zion, on Wednesday, Sept. 29th. The speaking will commence soon after 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The political issues of the day will be discussed by Gen. Richard Rowett, of Carlinville, Gen. J. H. Moore, of Decatur, and Hon. J. G. Cannon, of Danville. Let the voters come with their families and bring baskets well filled with eatables. It will be an old time Republican Rally, and will last all day. Music will be pro- vided for the occasion.

A Worthy Organization.

Frequently the inquiry is put to us by those who seldom if ever look inside the lids of the Bible: "What good is the Young Men's Christian Association in the community, anyhow, and what are they doing?" This is rather a rough way of putting it, but many interrogatories made are even harsher than the above, and, inasmuch as some chronic kickers in Decatur have given evidence of a disposition to belittle the organization, we cheerfully give place to the following brief explana- tion from the pen of an active member: "It is for the interest of every reader, male or female, old or young, to know the work of Young Men's Christian Associa- tion, for it strikes home very often. As the name implies, it is a work for the young men, by the young men, and it is compos- ed of a band of earnest Christian young men who have the welfare of their broth- ers at heart. Their defined work is to 'go out in the byways and lanes' and bring them to a knowledge of a better life if possible. There is a cheerful, pleasant room furnished for the amusement of those who will come to it, and provided with newspapers, books, etc., and by all means in their power try to show the young man which is the happiest life to lead. This strikes very forcibly home to many. How many of our readers have sons they wish to become upright, Chris- tian men, whose present course is tending in the opposite direction? There is no denying the fact by anyone, that if all our young men were Christians that the whole city would feel the effect of the change very soon. The parent who helps the association may indirectly assist to make his son a better citizen and a truer man."

REPUBLICAN RALLIES.

Official Appointments for the Hon. J. G. Cannon and Other Speakers.

Cannon's Appointments.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Republican candidate for congress, will speak as fol- lows, in this county and vicinity. At Sulphur Springs on the 29th, Gen. Richard Rowett, of Carlinville, will also speak.

Macon, " 28th, afternoon.

Macon, " 28th, evening.

Sulphur Springs, Sept. 29th.

Latham, Logan county, Sept. 30th.

Argenta, Oct. 1.

The meetings at Sulphur Springs, Mt. Zion township and at Latham, will be all day meetings—basket picnics—at which other speakers will be present. The definite character of the meetings at Macon and Argenta will be announced as soon as the local committees can be con- ferred with.

September 17th.

W. C. Johns, Esq., and D. C. Corley, Esq., will speak to the Republican voters at Oakley, on Friday evening, Sept. 17th. Let there be a good attendance of the voters of the township.

John A. Brown, Esq., will address the people of Pleasant View township at Blue Mound, on Friday evening, Sept. 17th.

September 18th.

There will be a rally of the Republican voters of Friend's Creek township, at New- burg, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at eight o'clock. W. A. Vanlier Esq., will address the meeting. **CHAS. TOWERS,** Chairman.

REPUBLICAN RALLY.

The Republicans of Logan and Macon counties will hold a grand Republican rally at Latham, Ill., on Thursday, Sept. 30th. The Mt. Pulaski Commercial Brass Band and the Lincoln and Decatur Glee Clubs will furnish excellent music. Gen. J. H. Moore, Hon. J. G. Cannon, Hon. D. C. Smith, and other prominent speakers will be present. Come with your baskets well filled, prepared to stay all day.— Speaking will commence in the forenoon. The ladies are especially invited. Ex- cursion rates on P. D. & E. R. H. Round trip, from Decatur, 70 cents; Warrensburg, 30 cents; Lincoln, 90 cents; Mt. Pulaski, 35 cents. Come everybody.

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